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This book is dedicated to
the memory of my father,
John Marshall Pittman,
whose exemplary life has
inspired me to search in-
to family history and to
pass on to his posterity a
record of our family.

E. P. L.



FOREWORD

The compiling of this material has been an interesting undertaking. I hope it gives its readers as much pleasure as I have derived from getting the facts together. The reading of old manuscripts and letters, the friendships I have made and strengthened and the knowledge I have gained of the joys and struggles of our forefathers has been an inspiration. I trust that each of us may be challenged to hold high the torch of truth, justice and right, that others may catch its glow and together bring peace, and good will to all the world.

Much of the information contained in this record, I obtained from old letters and manuscripts which belonged to my uncle, Fortunatus Pittman. He had spent a great deal of time collecting data and had hoped to compile it for the family, but death called him before his work was completed. We are greatly indebted to him. For additional information I am indebted to the following persons:

Mr. O. H. Pittman, 1333 Short St., New Orleans, La.

Mr. B. J. Pittman, De Leon, Texas

Mrs. Estelle C. Pike, 1029 Capital Ave. S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

I have not been able to make this record as complete as I would like to have done, because many family records have been lost through war and other causes, but I send it forth, that those interested may have, at least, an outline of their historical and genealogical background.

Sincerely,

Eskridge Pittman Logan
(Mrs. Sam O. Logan)
Prescott, Arkansas

1941

"Others may sing the song;
Others may right the wrong;
Finish what I begin,
What I fail in, win."

Whittier



THE PITTMAN FAMILY

The name of Pittman is derived from the residence of its original bearers near a chalk or gravel pit. It has been alleged altho no proof of the statement can be found, that the family is traced from the Maingot Pitman, who was living in Normandy before the time of the Norman Conquest of England in 1066.

Among the earliest records of the family bearing the name in England are those of John Pittman of Buckinghamshire, who was mentioned on the Hundred Rolls in the year 1272-1273. Records show they held high official and military positions. Captain Philip Pittman of the British Army sent to this country to look into conditions of military posts, made the first official report upon St. Louis, then a staggering village.

The Pittmans were divided in opinion in England. Some were followers of the ill-fated Charles, others were with Cromwell. When King Charles was beheaded in 1649, three Pittman brothers came to America with a Cavalier emigration and landed at James City Virginia. It is probable they had to leave England because of adherence to the Royalist cause. Later one of the brothers went to the northern colonies, one remained in Virginia and one went to the far south.

One of the company that came with William Penn to America in 1682 was a man by the name of Pittman, who settled in Campbell County Virginia.

The progeny of these and other branches of the family in America have moved to every part of the Union and have contributed substantially to the rise and expansion of the nation. They have been characterized in general by executive and legislative ability, moral and physical stamina, resourcefulness, courage and literary prowess.

It is not known from which of these lines we are descended, but it is known that those of our line were noted for their devotion to their country and for their patriotism and they were prominent in establishing the independence of the United States. Records show them prominent in the church, in the halls of state, the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War.

The coat of Arms of the Pittman family is described as follows: Arms, Quarterly, argent and or, an eagle displayed with two heads. Crest, a martlett upon a shell.

References: Media Research Bureau, Washington, D.C.
Scharffs St. Louis; Burke General Armory, 1884.
Hearst's Sunday American, Atlanta, Georgia, July 27, 1930.

COPY OF WILL OF JOHN PITTMAN

Recorded in Will Book No. 1, 1777 to 1798, Folios 26, 27

State of Georgia : In the Name of God, Amen
County of Richmond:

I, John Pittman, being in low state of health, but in perfect sense and memory, give and bequeath my estate as follows, both real and personal:

I give and bequeath unto my wife, Mary Pittman, my Kiokee plantation of 200 acres of land and Tony and Jack, during her life time or widowhood and then I bequeath the said plantation of land unto my well beloved son Timothy and the two negroes to be equally divided between Timothy Pittman and Grace Pittman and if they die without heirs, the land and negroes amongst my five youngest children; -----

I give and bequeath unto my well beloved son Philip Pittman two hundred acres of land in Wilkes County.

I give and bequeath to my well beloved grandson, Jesse Pittman, one hundred acres of the same tract.

I give and bequeath to my well beloved son, Buckner Pittman, one shilling.

I give and bequeath to my well beloved son, John Pittman, one shilling.

I give and bequeath all the rest of my estate to be equally divided amongst my seven youngest children, Mary Rogers, James Pittman, Patty Pittman, Zelpha Nobles, Philip Pittman, Timothy Pittman and Grace Pittman, and them that receive beds. Others to be made equal out of the estate, the rest to be divided, only James Pittman is to be paid seventy pounds sterling.

I leave my well beloved son-in-law, Pelig Rogers and Philip Pittman whole and sole Executors of my Estate, this being my last will and testament. As witness my hand and seal this 19th day of April, 1782.

John Pittman (Seal)

Test

William Courson

There follows the sworn statement that Zachariah Marshall saw John Pittman sign the foregoing will, also saw William Courson sign as Witness. Sworn before James Hamilton, Register Probate, April 22, 1785.

May 7, 1785, Philip Pittman and Pelig Rogers, named Executors, qualified as such before me.

James Hamilton, R. P.

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OUR ESTABLISHED LINE

GENERATION I

JOHN PITTMAN

Scotch Irish Descent

Was born in Virginia in 1726. He married Mary Rowe in 1747, have been unable to find their parentage, but it is quite certain John had a brother by the name of Fortunatus. John Pittman at one time lived in Edgefield District, South Carolina, finally settling in Buckingham County, Va. He later lived in Georgia. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving as a Matross in Captain Harman Davis' Company, 4th Artillery Regiment, South Carolina, commanded by Barnard Beekman. He enlisted Dec. 18 1778 and his name appears on a company payroll covering the period from Nov. 1, 1779 to Jan. 1, 1780. Reference: War Department, Adjutant General's Office. (Letter from this office dated Oct. 10, 1940, signed E. S. Adams, Major General.) Five of his sons were also soldiers in this war. While the men were away, Tories visited their home on Kiokee Creek, ransacked the house and threw Mrs. Pittman off the steps, breaking her hip and crippling her for life. The identity of these Tories was learned and after the war was over, Buckner, the oldest son met the survivor of the raid on the streets of Nashville, Tenn. and shot him dead. He was never indicted for the act. The will of John Pittman, dated April 19, 1782, Richmond County Georgia, recorded on Will Book No. 1, 1777 to 1798, Folios 26-27, indicates that he was a man of considerable wealth. In this will he mentions his wife, Mary, his sons, Buckner, John, James, Philip, and Timothy, his daughters, Patty, Grace, Mary, Zelpha, a grandson, Jesse Pittman, and a son-in-law, Pelig Rogers. John Pittman died in April, 1785. Children of this marriage were: Buckner, b. April 27, 1748; Lucy, b. 1750; John Ichabod, b. April 17, 1752; Mary, b. May 20, 1754, m. Pelig Rogers; James, b. March 4, 1756; Patty, b. Feb. 20, 1760, m. David Langston; Zelpha, b. Jan. 15, 1762, m. Blanton Noble; Sarah; Philip, b. July 7, 1765; Timothy, b. Jan. 1771; Grace, m. Jamerson Andrews.

GENERATION II

JOHN ICHABOD PITTMAN

Son of John Pittman and his wife, Mary Rowe Pittman, was born in Virginia, April 17, 1752. He married Lucy Eunice Marshall about 1781 or 1782. The Marshalls came from Windsor,

Connecticut, he was a distinguished Baptist minister and founded the Baptist church in Georgia. Both the Pittman and Marshall family bibles were burned when Sherman marched through Georgia, at that time no records were kept at Court Houses or by the Government, thus many valuable books and papers were lost. John Pittman, Jr. was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving as a private in the 2nd. Georgia Battalion commanded by Colonel Samuel Elbert. Date of enlistment not known. His name appears on an undated list of officers and men belonging to that Battalion whose pay had been drawn to the first of January, 1779, and his name last appears on a payroll covering the period from August 18, 1779 to December 1, 1779 and which bears the remarks: "Discharged." Reference: War Dept. Adjutant Generals Office, Washington, D. C. His name appears on the third annual report of D. A. R., page 358, in a list of Georgia troops of the Continental Line. Service of John Pittman, Jr. certified by Col. Greenberry Lee in Georgia records. He drew a grant of land in Franklin County Georgia, later sold it and moved to Gwinnett County. (Transaction recorded in Georgia's Secretary Office, March 14, 1792; Book D Page 476. These books are now at Rhodes Memorial Hall, Dept. of History and Archives of Ga., Peachtree St., Atlanta.) Old letters disclose that John Pittman, Jr. was one of the wealthiest men in Georgia at that time. He died about 1831 in Gwinnett County Georgia. His wife died Oct. 17, 1821. They are buried on the old Pittman plantation, not far from Atlanta, near Pinknesville. There are about seventy five other graves nearby. Most of the stones have been carried away by natives, through the years in the building of hearth stones. Seven sons and one daughter were born to John and Lucy Eunice Marshall Pittman: Marshall, b. March 1783; John, b. Sept. 11, 1784; Geoffrey; Hiram, b. 1788, d. 1831; Daniel, b. 1798, d. 1831; Joseph; Ichabod, called Byrd; Lucy, married Marshall Jenkins.

GENERATION 111

MARSHALL PITTMAN

Son of John Ichabod Pittman and his wife, Lucy Eunice Marshall Pittman, was born in 1783. He married Priscilla Ann Hardin who was born in 1793. He took his share of his father's estate in negroes and went to Macon, Ga. He was an extensive cotton planter and buyer and became very wealthy. Old deeds show he owned several thousand acres of land and large town holdings. Old letters indicate that all his children were well educated and that the family lived in all the luxuries of the day. The family bible was lost during the Civil War but it is thought that he and his wife died about 1860-1864. Their children are: Sylvanus, b. Feb. 9, 1814; Martha, b. Dec. 8,

1816, d. July, 1819; Silas, b. Feb. 24, 1817, d. May 2, 1837; William, b. Dec. 8, 1818; Elmira, b. April 11, 1820, m. Nimrod Graham, d. June, 1870; Fortunatus, b. March 31, 1822, d. Sept. 4, 1907; John, b. April 10, 1824, d. June, 1856; Elizabeth, b. March 4, 1826, m. Abner Tweedy; Emeline, b. Nov. 12, 1828, m. Stubbs; Calvin, b. May 2, 1832; Priscilla Ann, b. April 20, 1832, m. J. A. Jenkins.

GENERATION IV

FORTUNATUS PITTMAN

Son of Marshall Pittman and his wife, Priscilla Ann Hardin Pittman, was born in Macon, Georgia, March 31, 1822. His parents were very wealthy and gave to their children all the advantages of the day, but this life of ease did not appeal to Fortunatus. After a boyhood common to the sons of the wealthy southern planters, he left his father's roof at the age of eighteen years, no one but his mother knowing of his departure. Into the great forests of the southwest he came in the year 1840. For a brief time he worked for wage at anything the frontier offered. After a few years of this life he became a farmer, first in Lafayette County, near Stamps, Arkansas, and then bought a tract in Columbia County where soon about his home the broad fields that he carved from the forests stretched themselves with his husbandry.

In the year 1848 he married Ellen Elizabeth Eskridge, daughter of Harvey Foushee Eskridge and his wife, Susan Campbell Eskridge, who came to Arkansas from Virginia. They were married near Washington, Ark., Hempstead County. Ellen Elizabeth was the oldest of eight children. Names of others were Jerusa, Margaret, Isabelle, Rebecca, George, Campbell, Thomas, John, Robert. The boys did not marry, thus ended this particular family name. Harvey Foushee Eskridge was killed near Dangerfield, Texas, while on a business trip and is buried in a lonely grave near that town.

Ellen Elizabeth Eskridge Pittman died Nov. 16, 1868, and is buried at Liberty Hill Cemetery, near Stamps, Ark.

In the twenty years of their married life they had built a home of great promise and happiness, facing the dangers and hardships of the frontier life with great courage. When the dark days of the Civil War came, Fortunatus Pittman served his country on the battle front and the little mother, with undaunted courage and unswerving fidelity kept the home and guarded their children. Out of the love of this union ten children were born: (See others of the Fortunatus Pittman Line).

After several years of struggling alone he married Jennie Nesbitt Nelson in 1870. They had three sons. (See Others etc.)

Early in the year of 1895 the old home was sold and the old people, the mother now an invalid, went to Prescott, Ark. to make their home with their son, John. In June of that year, Jennie Nelson Pittman died.

The strongest ties that held him were now severed and he gradually lost interest in all things except his children and grandchildren, for whom he had a deep devotion. The last few years of his life were spent with his daughter, Ellen Margaret Pittman Powell at Prescott. It was at her home, Sept. 4, 1907, that he passed away and was laid to rest the following day, beside his loved ones in Liberty Hill Cemetery. (Near Stamps, Ark.)

One of his sons wrote of him: "Though he left no fortune of gold, no records of fame in the annals of history, he left a legacy richer by far than all these; more precious than gold, more enviable than glory; the legacy of a life of truth and honor, a life of purity and honesty, a quiet life of devotion to family, of self sacrificing and noble deeds. No more choice lines could have been conceived that would portray his life than are engraved on his monument. These lines he often quoted:

'Count that day lost whose slow descending sun
Views from thy hand no worthy action done.'"

GENERATION V

JOHN MARSHALL PITTMAN

Son of Fortunatus Pittman and his wife, Ellen Elizabeth Eskridge Pittman, was born in Lafayette County, Arkansas, February 2, 1853. He spent his early life on the farm, then taught school. When he was about twenty years old he went to Hope and worked a short time as clerk in the general mercantile store of Mr. Newton Little. Here his energy, ambition and ability led him into a business partnership with Alf Bright and he moved to Prescott soon after his marriage in 1875. His bride was Jennie Mildred Carr, daughter of Susan Wesley Carr and the deceased Charles Turner Carr, who had come to Arkansas from Alabama in 1858. Jennie Carr was born in Freedonia, Ala., Dec. 26, 1856. Their wedding day was Dec. 26, 1875, Alf Bright marrying Fannie, an only sister of Jennie, in a double wedding ceremony at the home of the brides.

John Marshall Pittman was a man of calm temperament, gentle and yet strong, a man of deep convictions, invincible

courage and unswerving stamina. His upright character, keen intelligence and interest in all affairs of life, together with his personal magnetism, made him a leader in the community. He held many city offices, and served as county judge at one time. His main public interest, however, was his business, of which he made a great success. He founded the Prescott Hardware Company in 1890 and remained actively engaged in this business until his death. He was an ardent prohibitionist and a member of the Universalist church. He was a great reader and accumulated a large library. He had no bad habits, abhorred slang and any display of temper. He ruled by love and honor and was always kind, patient and sympathetic. He was not a strong man physically, because of hay fever. Every summer from 1884 he was compelled to go to a water front for relief. His wife usually accompanied him. It was while on one of these trips that his fatal illness came. They were in Atlantic City, N. J., and on August 31, 1919, he passed away in that city. He is buried in Dee Ann Cemetery, Prescott, Arkansas.

Jennie Carr Pittman died Nov. 6, 1938, and is buried beside her husband in the family lot at Prescott.

The home established by these two was a happy one, filled with laughter, duty and responsibility, work and accomplishment. They set the example of contentment and other essential characteristics of true manhood and womanhood. To be loyal and true, self sacrificing, thoughtful and charitable toward one another and toward all were cardinal virtues with them. The epitaphs on their monuments are a fitting description of their lives.

His: "One who made each day worth living for those
who walked with him in sun and storm."

Hers: "Great was her bounty and her soul sincere."

They reared seven children, all married and lived in the same ward in the same town with the parents: Fannie, Dan, Charlie, Eskridge, Clio, Berta, Mildred.

GENERATION VI

FANNIE PITTMAN

Born June 24, 1877
Died July 17, 1951

Daughter of John J. Marshall and Jennie Carr Pittman, was born at Prescott, Ark., June 24, 1877. After finishing the schools of Prescott she attended Galloway College at Searcy, Ark., and Hardin College at Mexico, Mo. She married Henry

Bonner McKenzie, an attorney, June 6, 1901. Four children were born to this union; an infant daughter who died at birth; Horace Houston McKenzie, born March 6, 1905. He received his higher education at Henderson Brown College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and entered the real estate business at Prescott. He also completed a law course. He married Lawrence Britt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Britt, Nov. 23, 1940. Jeannette McKenzie, born Sept. 21, 1908, at Prescott, graduated from Arkansas Teachers College, Conway. Married Noel Tomlinson Dec. 26, 1927. They have one child, Mary Fann, born Nov. 29, 1929. Jeannette later married Raymond Ledwedge.

Evelyn McKenzie was born Dec. 10, 1914. She graduated from Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., and studied further at Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Texas, and then entered a clinic as Technologist at Abilene, Texas.

Henry McKenzie died Dec. 4, 1929, and Fannie Pittman McKenzie married Sid R. Crawford, a retired druggist, Sept. 22, 1936. They make their home in Prescott, Arkansas.

DAN PITTMAN - Died June 14, 1941

Son of John Marshall and Jennie Carr Pittman was born at Prescott, Ark., Dec. 18, 1878. He received his higher education at the University of Arkansas and Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He entered the hardware and furniture business with his father and brother Charlie. After the father's death in 1919, the sons assumed the management of the business which is the largest establishment of its kind in this section of the state. It comprises, besides furniture and hardware, a large cotton warehouse and undertaking. Dan married May McDaniel, daughter of O. R. and Alice Alsobrook McDaniel, Nov. 24, 1901. They had three children; Mary Mildred, born Jan. 16, 1904, died Oct. 19, 1911; an infant daughter who died at birth, May 19, 1906; Mac Daniel, born Nov. 19, 1913. Daniel attended Alton Military Academy, Alton, Ill., and Arkansas College, Batesville, Ark. He married Ruth Nutt, Sept. 22, 1936. He entered the hardware business with his father and uncle.

CHARLIE PITTMAN - Died June 25, 1948

Son of John Marshall and Jennie Carr Pittman, was born at Prescott, Ark., Dec. 1, 1880. After studying at Arkansas University and at Eastman Business College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., he entered business with his father and brother, Dan. The business continues under the management of the sons. He married

Kate Pryor Sparks, daughter of David and Lillie Pryor Sparks of Ft. Smith, Ark., Dec. 8, 1902. Their children are Lillie Carr Pittman, born Nov. 13, 1903, at Ft. Smith, married Tom Bemis, son of Horace and Ethel McRae Bemis, Jan. 11, 1926. They had three children, a son who died at birth, Kate Sparks Bemis, born Feb. 19, 1930, and Ethel McRae Bemis, born Jan. 23, 1932. Lillie attended Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo. John Marshall Pittman, second child and namesake of his grandfather was born at Prescott, Oct. 25, 1907. He attended Alton Military Academy, Alton, Ill., and Hendrix College, Conway, Ark. He married Pauline Nutt, April 7, 1931. He is manager of Prescott Auto Co. (Ford Agency), Prescott, Ark.

ESKRIDGE PITTMAN

Daughter of John Marshall and Jennie Carr Pittman, was born at Prescott, Ark., Aug. 25, 1884. She attended Lombard College, after completing her high school work at Ouachita College, Arkadelphia. Lombard College is located at Galesburg, Ill. She married Sam O. Logan, son of Ben H. and Julia Orr Logan, Dec. 26, 1905. This was a double wedding. Clio Pittman and Thomas McRae marrying at the same time and on the thirtieth wedding anniversary of the brides' parents. Theirs also was a double wedding and the brides sisters. Two children were born to Eskridge and Sam Logan. Ellen Eskridge Logan was born June 24, 1916, died Dec. 31, 1918. Florence Logan was born Oct. 10, 1908 at Prescott, Ark. Florence attended Galloway College, Searcy, Ark., the University of Arkansas, and received her A. B. degree from Arkansas College in 1929. She taught history in the Prescott schools six years. On June 22, 1935, she married Levi Steele Moore, son of Marian Levi and Ruth Steele Moore. They had two children, a son born at Shreveport, La., died at birth, Sept. 27, 1936, and a daughter, Eskridge Ruth, born at Dallas, Texas, July 6, 1938. Their address is 6103 Lindell Ave. Dallas, Texas. Sam O. Logan is president of Logan Grocer Co., Wholesalers, Prescott, Ark. A second son, Samuel Steele was born to Steele and Florence Logan Moore, July 12, 1942, at Dallas, Texas - address, 1957, 6734 Mimosa Lane, Dallas, Tex.

CLIO PITTMAN

Daughter of John Marshall and Jennie Carr Pittman, was born at Prescott, Ark., Sept. 6, 1887. She attended Lombard College, Galesburg, Ill., and married Thomas C. McRae, Dec. 26, 1905, (double wedding). Thomas is the son of Governor Thomas C. McRae and Amelia White McRae. Two children were born to Thomas and Clio McRae. Helen, born June 10, 1907, married

John Sage, son of Rev. Jesse Sage and Mary Livingston Sage; they had two children, Mary Helen, born March 31, 1925, and Clio Pittman Sage, born May 9, 1927. Helen McRae Sage died Feb. 6, 1931, buried at Prescott, Ark. John Thomas McRae was born at Prescott, Ark., Feb. 25, 1911, married Jamie Cox, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Cox. They have two children, Gertrude, born July 15, 1929, and Miriam, born April 21, 1935. John Thomas McRae is salesman for Logan Grocery Co. Thomas McRae is president of the Bank of Prescott.

BERTA PITTMAN

Daughter of John Marshall and Jennie Carr Pittman, was born at Prescott, Ark., Dec. 6, 1889. She received her A.B. degree from Lombard College, Galesburg, Ill., June, 1910. She married Duncan L. McRae, son of Gov. Thomas C. McRae and . Amelia White McRae, Nov. 20, 1911. They had two children, Duncan, born Nov. 21, 1912. He attended Arkansas College and graduated from Vanderbilt Law School, Nashville, Tenn., in 1935. He married Oleta Wilson, March 14, 1940. He is a member of the McRae Tompkins Law Firm, Prescott. Jennie Mildred McRae was born March 24, 1922, graduated from Prescott High School 1940, attending Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Mo. Duncan L. McRae was an attorney. He died Feb. 6, 1936, buried at Prescott, Ark.

MILDRED PITTMAN (D. Dec. 3, 1950)

Daughter of John Marshall and Jennie Carr Pittman, was born at Prescott, Ark., Aug. 25, 1894, attended college at Lombard College, Galesburg, Ill., married Martin Guthrie, son of Dr. Adam Guthrie and Sarah Greeson Guthrie, June 20, 1916. They had three children: Frances, born July 25, 1918, attended Hendrix College, received her A.B. degree from Arkansas University in 1939, teaching English in Prescott High School; James Guthrie was born Jan. 6, 1920, is attending Arkansas Medical School, Little Rock; Mildred Guthrie was born Nov. 27, 1922, is attending Arkansas Teachers College, Conway, Ark.; Martin Guthrie is head of the Guthrie Drug Store, Prescott.

E.P.L. -

Membership number in D.A.R. - 402359 through John Pittman. Also eligible through lines of Daniel Marshall, George Eskridge. Colonial Dames through same lines.

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Photostatic copies of Land Grants owned by Eskridge
Pittman Logan -

To John Pittman, - for services in Revolutionary War -

287 1/2 acres, Washington County, Ga.
250 acres, " Ga.

Feb. 25, 1784

OTHERS OF THE FORTUNATUS PITTMAN FAMILY

THOMAS SCOBY PITTMAN

Son of Fortunatus and Ellen Elizabeth Eskridge Pittman, was born in Lafayette County, Ark., June 2, 1850. He married Sarah Elizabeth Lightfoot in 1878 and they lived all their married life in Texas. He died in Ft. Worth June 5, 1940. Children: Ellen Tom, b. Nov. 1, 1879; Lonnie Carl, b. March 21, 1882; Julia Norvelle, b. June 28, 1886; Patrick, b. Sept. 18, 1888; Peggie Fay, b. 1893; Rebecca Katherine, b. July 11, 1896; Billie Dick, b. Aug. 31, 1901.

JAMES LUTHER PITTMAN

Third son of Fortunatus and Ellen Elizabeth Eskridge Pittman, was born in Lafayette County, Ark., July 21, 1855. He married Lilla Viola Drake May 13, 1888. They lived in Texas most of their married life. He died Feb. 1940. Children: Cleo Drake, b. April 16, 1889; Hoover, b. Feb. 26, 1892; Perry, b. June 21, 1894; Myrtle, b. Oct. 25, 1895; Emma, b. July 6, 1897; Dewey, b. May 6, 1898; Lydia Viola, b. June 8, 1900; Floralea, b. May 1902; Paul, b. April, 1904.

LAURA PITTMAN

Daughter of Fortunatus and Ellen Elizabeth Eskridge Pittman, was born in Lafayette County, Ark., Aug. 28, 1856. She married Jim Lightfoot, July 3, 1873. They lived at Pittsburg until her death Dec. 30, 1899. Children: Katie, Fort, Opal, Laurice, Julia, Raymond.

ELLEN MARGARET PITTMAN "Muggie"

Daughter of Fortunatus and Ellen Elizabeth Eskrdige Pittman, was born in Lafayette County, Ark., March 27, 1858. She married John Martin Powell Oct. 8, 1879. They lived most of their married life in Prescott, Ark. Children: Martin Evan, b. Dec. 17, 1880, d. Jan. 19, 1881; Howard Emory, b. Feb. 28, 1882; Laura Lee, b. March 31, 1884; John Fred, b. Nov. 21, 1885; Charlie Luke, b. Nov. 1888; Marshall Eskridge, b. July 22, 1891; Harris, b. Jan. 22, 1891; Floyd, b. Sept. 29, 1896.

LYDIA BELL PITTMAN

Daughter of Fortunatus and Ellen Elizabeth Eskridge Pittman, was born in Lafayette County, Arkansas, Jan. 26, 1860, and

died Oct. 27, 1930. She married Charlie Powell Dec. 3, 1879. Lived in Texas. Children: Bill Herbert, b. Feb. 1, 1881; Mary Bell, b. Dec. 3, 1882; Charlie Burl, b. Feb. 1, 1884; Jimmie, b. Sept. 26, 1886; Ellen Margaret, b. Mar. 31, 1889; George Emma b. Mar. 14, 1892; Julia Aletha, b. Mar. 1894; Johnnie Laurel, b. Aug. 7, 1896; Burton, b. Nov. 18, 1901; Estelle, b. Nov. 2, 1906.

GEORGE EMMA PITTMAN

Daughter of Fortunatus and Ellen Elizabeth Eskridge Pittman, was born in Columbia County, Ark., Nov. 2, 1862. She married James Johnson Oct. 8, 1884, and died Feb. 5, 1890. Children: Sallie Udora, b. July 20, 1885; Hampton, b. July 20, 1886; Laura Bell, b. Sept. 7, 1887; James Polk, b. 1890. All the children but Hampton died in infancy.

JULIA CHANDLER PITTMAN

Daughter of Fortunatus and Ellen Elizabeth Eskridge, was born in Columbia County, Ark., March 14, 1865. She married Andrew Johnson April 18, 1883. Lived most of their life in Louisiana. Children: Bessie Alice, b. 1-25-1884, lived one month; Sallie Ellen, b. 9-25-1885, died when twenty-one years old; Pittman, b. 2-3-1889, died at four years; Patrick, b. 6-26-1887; Ben, b. 4-19-1893; Sunshine, b. 1-26-1894; William Nash, b. 5-22-1896; Julia, b. 12-11-1898, died in 1936; A. R., b. 6-24-1900; Eskridge, b. 10-3-1903; Pearl, b. 4-6-1905.

BEN JOHNSON PITTMAN

Son of Fortunatus and Ellen Elizabeth Eskridge Pittman, was born in Columbia County, Ark., Nov. 16, 1868. He married Ossie Davis, Jan. 1, 1895. Address, DeLeon, Texas. Children: Finis, b. Oct. 20, 1895; B.J., b. March 22, 1900; Ralph, b. Dec. 23, 1901.

EDWARD LEE PITTMAN

Son of Fortunatus and Jennie Nelson Pittman, was born in Columbia County, Ark., Dec. 17, 1873. He married Lella -----. One son, Harold was born in 1898. Second marriage to Anna Prince. One son, Prince, was born in 1913. Third marriage to Mazie Folger. Two children, B.J. and Bettie Lee. They live in Dallas, Texas. Lee Pittman died Sept., 1920.

FORTUNATUS PITTMAN

Son of Fortunatus and Jennie Nelson Pittman, was born in Columbia County, Ark., Dec. 19, 1874. He married Frances

Cordelia Bledsoe Oct. 25, 1899. He died Nov. 12, 1937. They had one son, Ross Pittman.

OTHO HENRY PITTMAN

Son of Fortunatus and Jennie Nelson Pittman, was born in Columbia County, Ark., Aug. 11, 1878. Married Ethel Johnson Aug. 30, 1903. Address: 1333 Short St., New Orleans, La. Children: Julius Darwin, b. June 24, 1904; Jean Prohaska, b. Aug. 12, 1907, d. July 3, 1930; Hallie Esther, b. Oct. 27, 1910; Lida Adele, b. March 22, 1914; Patricia Edith, b. March 17, 1919.

THE MARSHALL FAMILY

from whom we are directly descended

LUCY EUNICE MARSHALL

daughter of Daniel Marshall

married

JOHN ICHABOD PITTMAN

THE MARSHALL FAMILY

The Marshall family emigrated from Lincolnshire, England, to the environs of Boston, Mass., about 1630-1640.

I	Thomas Marshall
II	Samuel Marshall
III	Deacon Thomas Marshall
IV	Daniel Marshall

DANIEL MARSHALL

Was born in Windsor, Conn., of Presbyterian parents in 1706. He was married twice, his first wife was Hannah Drake. After her death he married Martha Stearns in 1748. He had one son, Daniel, by his first wife, and ten children by his second wife: Abraham, John, Zacheus, Levi, Moses, Solomon, Joseph, Lucy, Eunice, Mary and Benjamin.

After the birth of Abraham, Daniel Marshall, on account of religious persecution, left his home in Conn., he and his wife riding on the back of a horse and the two sons suspended in baskets from the sides. He went into Virginia, teaching and preaching. He was converted to the Baptist doctrine and established many churches in Va. and the Carolinas before he went to Georgia in 1771, where he settled on the Kiokee Creek in what is now Columbia County. He gave the county the distinction of being the birthplace of the organized Baptist denomination in Georgia. A thrilling episode in the life of Daniel Marshall occurred a short time before the outbreak of the Revolutionary War. It is recorded in the History of the Baptist Denomination in Georgia, which was compiled for the Christian Index. "The scene is in a sylvan grove. Daniel Marshall is on his knees making the opening prayer at a religious service. A hand is laid on his shoulder and he hears a voice saying 'you are my prisoner'. Rising, the sedate, earnest minded man of God, whose silvery locks indicated the sixty-five years which had passed over him, finds himself confronted with an officer of the law. He is astonished at being arrested, but finds that he has violated the legislative enactment of 1758, which established religious worship in the colony according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England." Rev. Abraham Marshall, in a sketch of his father, published in the Analytical Repository 1802, says that the arrested preacher was made to give security for his appearance at Augusta the following Monday to answer for this violation of the law. He stood trial and was ordered to preach no more in Georgia. The reply of Daniel Marshall was similar to that of the apostles under the circumstances:

"Whether it would be right to obey God or man, judge ye." And consistent with this spiritual replication, he pursued his luminescent course. History says that the constable, Samuel Cortledge, who arrested him, was converted under his preaching and became a member of the Baptist Church. The magistrate who tried him was also converted and joined the Church of England. For many years Daniel Marshall was the only ordained minister in Georgia. He became pastor of the newly established Kiokee Church and continued in the pastorate until November 2, 1784, when he passed away at the age of 78 years. Within less than a month before his death, this celebrated man presided at the organization of the Georgia Association, which was constituted with five churches as members.

Daniel Marshall is buried in Columbia Co. under the pulpit where he preached for many years. A monument is erected to his memory by the Baptists of Georgia. Sherwoods Gasseter of Ga., 1837, says "Memory watches the place and no false marble utters untruths concerning this distinguished herald of salvation. He sleeps, neither forgotten nor unsung, for every child in the neighborhood can lead you to Daniel Marshall's grave. ""The religious spirit of Daniel Marshall took its flight to the realms where the glory of God's presence is an everlasting light but his dauntless soul lives on. Never did he flinch from duty. When the British troops took possession of Georgia during the Revolutionary War and murderous, incendiary, marauding bands brought death and destruction, other ministers fled to places of safety, but Daniel Marshall never deserted his post, though rapings, violence and bloodshed filled the land with consternation, the perseverance and zeal of this brave soldier of the cross were not in the slightest degree abated." (Historic Gavel of the Baptists by John Boifeuillet.) "Daniel Marshall, after all his sacrifices for the cause of Christ was blessed by a bountiful providence with sufficiency of the meat that perisheth, and left behind him an estate of considerable value. This was not the result of any special effort of his to acquire property and still less the efforts of his arduous labors in the ministry." (Men of Mark in Georgia, by Governor Wm. J. Northern. Vol. 1, page 221.) Daniel Marshall was a chaplain in the Revolutionary War.

Will, 1777-1797, Richmond Co., Georgia.

Daniel Marshall: Wife, Martha, eldest daughter, Lucy Eunice, having received her part when she married, remainder to be divided between Daniel, Abraham, John, Zacheus, Levi, Moses, Soloman, Joseph and Mary, equally. Wife, Martha, and oldest sons, Daniel and Abraham, Executors.

Witnesses: Zacheus Marshall, Solomon Marshall, Joseph Marshall. Signed November 20, 1780.

Probated November 23, 1784. (Copy)

References: Found in parenthesis following quotations in article; Manuscripts by R. E. Marshall and by Rev. Alexis Dawson Kendrick, D.D., of Windsor, Conn., and his wife, Carrie Phelps (Marshall) Kendrick., who lived in the old Marshall home in Conn.

D. A. R. Records, Richmond County, Ga.

Lucy Eunice Marshall, daughter of Daniel Marshall, married John Pittman I I (See Pittman records).

Old Marshall home was burned during Sherman's march thru Georgia in 1865, but old Kiokee Church still stands. (From letter of Estelle C. Pike, Atlanta, Ga., dated March 31, 1946, to Eskridge P. Logan).



ESKRIDGE FAMILY

1689



ESKRIDGE FAMILY

1689 - 1943

In compiling this short history of the Eskridge family, I am greatly indebted to Mrs. Elise Coble, 2020 Evans Ave., Cheyenne, Wyoming, who is a descendant of Col. George Eskridge of Virginia, through his son, Samuel. Mrs. Coble is a past president of the Eskridge Association and has many valuable documents and information in her possession, covering this family who established themselves in Westmoreland County Virginia in the early part of the 17th Century.

I am also indebted to my niece, Jeannette McKenzie Ledwidge, who furnished me with copies she made from the manuscripts of Mrs. Coble, while she was a resident of Cheyenne.

Acknowledgement is made Mr. Ellsworth Marshall Rust of Washington, D. C., for the information and encouragement he has given me from his letters and his book "Rust of Virginia". The Rust and Eskridge families were closely connected in the 17th Century, both originating in England and both establishing themselves in the famous Westmoreland County, Va. The families intermarried and had much of common interest, both playing a conspicuous part in the early history of our nation.

Quoting from Mrs. Coble's manuscript: "In compiling this genealogical history of the Eskridge family of Virginia, only county and family records have been accepted as proof. Tradition has its place, as it should have, but it is only credited as such. The scarcity of early records and the dispersion of descendants have made it extremely difficult to be certain that dates are accurate in all cases. Sometimes in dates supplied and even in names furnished, the information has disagreed. In such cases the effort has been made to apply the weight of evidence. That the record contains some errors is probable, but every effort has been made to have it accurate."

(Mrs. Sam) Eskridge Pittman Logan

Prescott, Arkansas
September 16, 1943



ESKRIDGE FAMILY

The name Eskridge was taken from the hamlet of Eskridge in Gressingham, Lancashire, England, where Edgar de Eskrigge had a mansion in the time of Edward First, 1272-1297. The "de" was prefixed to the name after the Norman Conquest. No importance should be attached to the difference in spelling as this is true of many colonial names.

Rev. John B. Eskridge of London has given to the Eskridge Association some valuable history including genealogical charts dating back to Edgar de Eskrigge of 1278. This valuable manuscript contains also copies of old wills, deeds and other data of the English ancestry. He tells of a chapel that existed in Gressingham as early as 1225. It was repaired in 1734 and restored in 1862. It is of beautiful ancient Norman architecture and contains brasses of the Eskridge family placed there by Rev. Robert Eskrigge about 1696.

When William Peyton Eskridge of Staunton, Va., called upon Father Eskrigge in London, he was told that his family had known that some members of his family had gone to Virginia many years before. It was his opinion that George Eskridge of Va. was the son of George of Over Kellet, and advised writing there for a birth certificate. This was done with no success. All records of about that time seem to have been destroyed, not even the will of George Eskrigge of Over Kellett giving lands to the church, being in existence. Yet it is known that in 1713 he gave lands in trust for the support of a curate. The property consisted of a dwelling house and twenty acres of land in Eskrigge. George Over Kellett died in 1715. The connection of the Virginia line with him cannot be verified but it is thought Col. George Eskridge was his son, or grandson.

ESKRIDGE FAMILY IN AMERICA

The family in America begins with George Eskridge in Northumberland County, Va., in 1689, when he was executor of the will of Mr. Patrick Spence and the guardian of his daughter, Mary. There is a tradition that he came to Va. in 1667, in charge of the vellon, bringing the bricks from which the first Lee house was built, but as there seems to be no record of the date of the building of that house, no dependence can be put in that tradition. There is a record in the office of the Northumberland Court House, which may prove that he was there as early as 1687, but until those records are in condition to be seen, we must take the later dates. (This is copied in 1927).

It is certain that Col. George Eskridge was residing with his wife, Rebecca Bonum Eskridge, in Westmoreland County, Va., in 1696. In that year he was made executor of the will of his brother-in-law, William Rust, Jr., who had married Margaret Bonum, sister of his (George's) wife. There is hardly a page in the old order books of Westmoreland County from that time until his death in 1735, on which his name does not appear in connection with affairs of the State. He must have been in the state earlier than 1689 for he could not have been chosen executor of a will and a guardian had he been a new resident. He was chosen attorney for many prominent men of the day. Col. Eskridge was an eminent lawyer, member of the House of Burgess, colony of Virginia and King's attorney.

His estate, "Sandy Point", at the mouth of the Potomac River, was near the famed Yocomico Church, where he was vestryman. His law practice was large and his guardianships numerous, the most famous being that of Mary Ball, mother of George Washington, first President of the United States.

On April 27, 1937, there was planted a memorial oak tree at the grave of Mary Ball Washington, Fredericksburg, Va., which was taken from Sandy Point, the ancestral home of Col. George Eskridge. This service was sponsored by and in charge of Mrs. Elise Towson Coble, of Cheyenne, Wyoming. Many descendants of Col. Eskridge participated in this historical event.

Mary Ball was the daughter of Joseph Ball of Lancaster County, Va., and the only child of his second marriage to "the widow Johnson". Capt. Ball died when Mary was four years old and within a year Mary was taken to the home of Col. George Eskridge and remained there a greater part of the time until her marriage. This was brought about by succeeding events in

the life of her mother. Within a short time after Capt. Ball's death, the widow married Capt. Richard Hewes, a vestryman of St. Stephens Parish. The shadow of death that had fallen on the home of Mary Ball in Lancaster, also descended swiftly on the one in Northumberland, as Capt. Hewes died within a year after his marriage to her mother. In the summer of 1721, Mrs. Hewes died and on July 29th of that year, her will was placed on record. It is seldom that a document of this kind shows such maternal affection as is concentrated on a child of thirteen summers. Perhaps of all tributes laid at the feet of Mary Ball, none has been more heartfelt or significant of her worth than the legacies of her mother's last will and testament, written as they were, all unconsciously of her future distinction. John Johnson, son of Mary Hewes by a previous marriage, and "the beloved friend George Eskridge", were made joint executors of the will. John Johnson died before he had fulfilled this duty, his will being admitted to record the same day of his mothers. The first bequest in his will seems to indicate the deep affection in which he held Mary Ball.

(Ref.: Northumberland Archives)

The following is an extract from an article in April, 1827 issue of the Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine, written by Frank and Cortelle Hutchins. "The christening of George Washington. When and Where - Why George Washington? We know that we are in aristocratic old Westmoreland at the baptism of the son of an important family. Other families, yet more important are here as neighbors and friends. It is a quaint colorful gathering. Dress is more in keeping with the social than the religious aspect of the occasion. We see men in snowy white attire, their bright embroidered waistcoats lending a festive air, the ladies in close fitting rich bodices and voluminous spread of brilliantly flowered skirts. Fancy rather insists upon seeing among these folks a quality, two or three members of the House of Burgesses, even now perhaps on their way to the May session of the Virginia Assembly. One of these is a certain important gentleman from 'down the river', Colonel Eskridge of Sandy Point, he so belongs in the picture. He is a full faced, dignified man, an eminent lawyer, and of high standing in the community. He long was the faithful guardian of Mary Ball, now wife of Augustine Washington and the mother of the child to be baptized. Much honor is come to him this day. Now there is something of surprise among 'ye neighbors' gathered here. Of course, custom says this child is to be given one of the familiar family names. It cannot be his father's for by an earlier marriage, Augustine Washington already has a son Augustine. No, the name thoughts of the young mother have been swelling upon the debt of love and gratitude she owes to that guardian of her girlhood years. So, the word pronounced over the little figure in the

white satin robe is 'George', the name of the honored Colonel George Eskridge of Sandy Point, Virginia. And now the christening is over. Baby George goes forth to become immortal; Colonel George to be forgotten."

From the year 1702 to 1729, George Eskridge was granted 12,444 acres of land for bringing colonists into Virginia and for other services. At some time between 1678 and 1710, he was paid thousands of pounds of tobacco for prosecuting delinquents and for acting as Queen's Attorney. Grants of land were in the counties of Westmoreland, Northumberland, Stafford and Richmond.

The following Colonial positions entitle his descendants to membership in any Colonial Society:

Queen's Attorney for Northumberland and Richmond Counties, 1678 - 1710.

Member House of Burgess, 1702, 1714, 1720, 1732. (Virginia Magazine of History).

Member of Quorum 1714. (Va. Magazine of History).

Coroner of Potomac District, 1714 (Virginia Historical Society).

Vestryman of Cople Parish and Churchwarden, 1731 - 1735.
(Order Book those days).

King's Attorney (Appointed Feb. 24, 1719). Feb. 22, 1720, 1732.

The will of Col. George Eskridge, which shows him to be a man of great wealth was made Oct. 27, 1735. His sons, Samuel and Robert, and a good friend, Capt. George Turberville, were made joint executors. At a Court of Westmoreland County, Nov. 25, 1736, this last will and testament was presented by his executors. (Copy of will in possession of Eskridge Pittman Logan). The inventory of Goods and Chattels of Col. Eskridge are numerous and interesting. (Copy owned by E.P.L.)

The portraits of Col. George Eskridge and his wife were loaned to Mt. Vernon, where they hung for many years, but were removed to and presented to the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, Va.

The old Yocomico Church, built in 1600, burned and rebuilt in 1708, where Col. Eskridge was Vestryman, and ever since a descendant of his has been a vestryman, contains a tablet to his memory, placed there by Mrs. Elise Coble in 1941. She states that the old tombs are in perfect condition.

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Land Grants of Col. George Eskridge:

16 Feb.	1703-04	58	acres in Westmoreland Co., Va.
16 Jan.	1709	309	" "
26 Aug.	1712	600	" Northumberland Co., Va.
31 Dec.	1715	2,298	" Stafford County
	1716	2,060	" Richmond County
10 Nov.	1717	300	" "
10 Aug.	1719	850	" "
27 Jan.	1725	2,610	" Stafford County
31 Jan.	1726	62	" Westmoreland County
26 July	1728	640	" Stafford County
3 Feb.	1728	934	" "
21 Mar.	1729	612	" "
22 Mar.	1729	1,115	" "

I George Eskridge, date of birth not known, married previous to 1696 to Rebecca Bonum, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Philpot) Bonum, died 1735. The children mentioned in his will were: William, died 1753, m. Abigail Dunbar; George, Jr., m. Hannah Rust; Samuel, d. 1747, m. Jane Ashton; Robert, went to England; Sarah, b. 1759, m. Capt. Willingsby; Margaret, m. Hawson Keneer; Rebecca Bonum, d. 1715; by second wife, Elizabeth Vaulx, he had Elizabeth and Daniel.

II George Eskridge, Jr. (See P.), second son of Col. George Eskridge and his wife, Rebecca Bonum Eskridge, married Hannah Rust, (see Rust Family). George died in 1731, leaving four sons, all under age at that time and still minors at the death of their grandfather, Col. George Eskridge, in 1735. In the inventory of his estate, filed Nov. 29, 1732, are found "1 Satin Gown and 1 Silk Apron", valued at 1 pound, which suggests that his wife is not mentioned in the administration of this estate and that she is not then living. George, Jr. died before his father, Col. George Eskridge. The will of Col. George, 1745, left to the "four sons of son, George, deceased, four slaves when 21 years of age", also a tract of land at Flatlick, Prince William County, later Fairfax Co. (Deeds & Wills V. 10, p. 235).

The four sons were apprenticed to George Hunt. Daughter, Rebecca had Peter Rust as her guardian.

Children: Samuel, b. July 15, 1723, m. Mary Lewis, 1747, daughter of Elizabeth Dawson Foushee; George, b. Aug. 6, 1724, died without issue; Thomas, a minor in 1746; William, a minor in 1746, married Elizabeth Rust. Rebecca, a minor in 1746, married John Arris, 1757.

III Samuel Eskridge, (George, George Jr.) was born July 15, 1723. He was thirteen years of age when his father died and "not having sufficient estate to maintain him", was by order of court, Aug. 31, 1736, apprenticed to George Hunt of Richmond County, until he was 21, "to learn the trades of arts or mysteries of a house carpenter and joiner". Samuel Eskridge married about 1747, Mary Lewis, widow of John Lewis, and daughter of Elizabeth Dawson Foushee. Served in the House of Burgess from Westmoreland Co., from 1769 to his death, 1771. Will disposed of 9,000 acres of land to his sons. In the will of Samuel Eskridge Feb. 1771, and probated the same year, he names the children, George, Samuel, Thomas. These boys were born after 1756, as in St. Stephens Parish Register appears the names of George, Charlotte Foushee and Hannah, children of Samuel Eskridge, who all died in infancy between 1753, 1756. As was done in many cases in those days, when one child died, another was named for it. So, we have in the will of Samuel Eskridge, 1771, children:

George, b. 1757, m. Nellie or Ellen Fallin; Samuel, Thomas.

IV George Eskridge (George, George, Jr., Samuel) was born in Northumberland County, Va., about 1757, m. Nellie or Ellen Fallin. (Recorded in St. Joseph Parish Register). Children: Sarah, b. Dec. 11, 1780, m. Beal Demmitt; Rebecca, m. Bell, had a son, Hector Bell; Harvey Fouchee, m. Miss Campbell, of Virginia.

Revolutionary Record of George Eskridge from The National Archives, Washington, D. C. George Eskridge S 8 428.

Parents: Names not shown.

Birth: February, 1757, place not stated.

Service: He enlisted in 1775 and served as Light Dragoon under Captain P. P. Thornton; he then served as Minuteman under Captain Thomas Jones; in 1776 he was commissioned Ensign and served in Captain Edwin Hull's and George L. Turberville's Companies, Colonel David Mason's 15th Virginia Regiment; on January 1, 1777 he was Lieutenant of Captain Edwin Hull's Company, Colonel David Mason's 15th Virginia Regiment; in August, 1779, he was commissioned Captain of the Northumberland County Virginia Militia; was in the siege of Yorktown; date he left service not given.

Pension: He was allowed pension under Act of March 18, 1818. George Eskridge was allowed pension on Certificate No. 31 366 which issued March 12, 1838, rate \$343.77 per annum, Act of July 7, 1852, Richmond Virginia Agency.

Family: His son was living in 1821, his name, age and residence not given. In 1855 Hector Bell was living in Winchester, Virginia. He was a son of the daughter of the veteran. There are no further family data.

Residence: In 1775 he resided in Northumberland County, Va. He lived near Winchester, Virginia. In 1818 he resided in Hampshire County, Va. In 1838, he lived in Clarke County, Va.

Death: Date and place not shown.

From the War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C.: George Eskridge served in the Revolutionary War as an Ensign in the 15th Virginia Regiment, commanded by Colonel Mason. He was appointed Nov. 25, 1776, was commissioned March 13, 1777, and his name appears on a

record showing: "Arrangement of the Virginia Battalion White Plains August 1778". He resigned but the date of resignation is not shown. The record shows him a Lieutenant in the 15th Virginia Infantry; that a certificate for L. 131-S. 5-D.6, balance of his pay was issued to Tho. Carnal, April 10. 1787. Heitman's Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army, an unofficial publication entitled to credit, shows: "Eskridge, George (Va.) Ensign 15 Virginia, 25th Nov. 1776; resigned 14th Aug. 1778".

Photostatic copies of the records of the Court of Northumberland County, Va., on file in this office show that one George Eskridge was recommended as Capt. of Virginia Militia May 10 1779, and that he took the oath as such Jan. 10, 1780; no further record of him has been found. (Originals of above in hands of Eskridge Pittman Logan).

References: Virginia Land Office, Oct. 10, 1844, Received the Register Ex. - Warrants Nos. 517-519, issued to the heirs of George Eskridge, late Lt. in the Continental.

Signed Hector Bell, Atty. -

Following account of Revolutionary services of Lieut. George Eskridge is taken from records of Mrs. Elise Coble, Eskridge Family Association.

Warrant 8483, issued Jan. 18, 1838, for 2000-2/3 acres of land to heirs of George Eskridge, deceased, an officer in the Revolutionary War. It was exchanged for Warrant 384. Following letter was written to Hector Bell Oct. 7, 1844, from Gen'l. Land Office, Richmond, Va.: "I herewith return Warrant 384 in favor of Lieut. George Eskridge, together with the other documents connected therewith. It appears from the proof of heirship that you are entitled to one third of this warrant as heir-at-law of Rebecca Bell, late Rebecca Eskridge, who was one of the children and heir-at-law of George Eskridge, which you set apart for yourself. This can be done at the land office at Richmond. By surrendering the Warrant, the exchange Warrants instead thereof can be issued giving each heir his just proportion." Signed. Thomas R. Black, Commissioner General, Land Office. Virginia Land Office.

On Oct. 10, 1844, Bell replied: "Received the Register Warrants, Nos. 517, 519, issued to heirs of George Eskridge, late Lieutenant in the Continental."

Signed Hector Bell, Atty.

Warrant 517 was issued Hector Bell, 518 was issued Sarah Eskridge Demmitt and 519 was issued Harvey Eskridge for 666-2/3 acres each as heirs of "George Eskridge, for his service as Lieut. in the Continental Line for three years." Signed S. H.

Parker, Register. Book 3. Page 512.

Certified as true copy is the following, by Thomas Tedbell, Clerk: That Sarah and Harvey Eskridge left Virginia long before the death of their father, George Eskridge. That at the time of his death there came into the hands of the affiant, Hector Bell, being the sole heir in Virginia, 2000 acres of land. Believing the said Sarah and Harvey, or their heirs, might be living, he had said warrant issued. That the affiant has made diligent search from Oct. 10, 1844 to the present time, July 9, 1848. That he advertised in the Winchester and Richmond papers.

He believes now that he is the sole representative of said George Eskridge, deceased. That they left Virginia long before 1844, it is presumed that they are dead, and according to the laws of Virginia, he asks that the warrants may be reissued in his name. Signed July 12, 1852.

Frederick County, Virginia Court, ordered that since Sarah Eskridge Demmitt and Harvey Eskridge have gone from and not returned to the State of Virginia for seven years, that the fact be carefully certified and that the testimony of Hector Bell is satisfactory. Copy teste - T. A. Tidball, Clerk.

Finally Hector Bell received Warrants 586 and 589, August 19, 1852, for 666-2/3 acres each.

Below is given advertisement (copy) for Sarah Eskridge Demmitt and Harvey Eskridge, by Hector Bell:

In Frederick County, Va. Winchester Republican (a newspaper published in Winchester, appeared the following advertisement for three consecutive weeks: "Information wanted, Harvey Eskridge and Sarah Demmitt (the wife of Beal Demmitt) children of Captain George Eskridge, a Revolutionary officer. Left the County of Hampshire, Va. many years ago, the former for Texas, the latter for Ohio. Information to their advantage can be had by application to the subscribed in Winchester, Va., as they were both poor when they left Virginia. Editors of newspapers in Ohio and Texas, disposed to assist, will confer a favor by giving the notice a few insertions. Signed, Hector Bell". Winchester, Va., July 9, 1847.

Later records show that Sarah Eskridge, b. Dec. 11, 1780, (George, George, Jr., Samuel, George) married Beal Demmitt, who was second wife. She died Dec. 12, 1853, in Ohio. Their children were: Beal Harvey, b. Nov. 28, 1806; Burch Swann, b. Jan. 11, 1808; William Ball, b. March 28, 1809; Lucas Ellen, b. Nov. 3, 1810; James Sherrar, b. Oct. 1, 1812; Mary Ann;

Evelyn Jane, b. Dec. 27, 1815; Augustine Rebecca, b. May 7, 1817.

Harvey Foushee Eskridge (George, George, Jr., Samuel, George) was born in Virginia about 1799. He married a Miss Campbell of Virginia. They went to Arkansas prior to 1838. First record, settled in Hempstead County, near Washington, Ark. It is known that his oldest daughter, Ellen Elizabeth, married there in 1848. He later went to Grayson Co., Texas, near Clarksville. He owned a saw mill there and it was there he met his death, due to a disagreement with his partner. He was shot from ambush and is buried in a lone grave near Dangerfield, Texas. His wife went back to Arkansas and settled in Lafayette Co., near Lewisville, where she died about 1870. Mrs. Ellen Powell, a granddaughter, being the daughter of Ellen Eskridge Pittman, remembers visiting in the old home and also remembers the members of the family, her aunts and uncles. Children of Harvey Foushee Eskridge were: Thomas Parker, b. Feb. 1829; Ellen Elizabeth, m. Fortunatus Pittman, 1848, d. Nov. 16, 1868; Jerusa Margaret, m. Alex Knighton; William Fallin; Rebecca, m. Mr. Mansfield Hughey, an attorney; George Campbell; John Foushee; Sarah Isabella, m. Newton Little. William and John Eskridge died of swamp fever in Lewisville, Ark. George and Thomas contracted measles while serving in the Civil War and died. None of the boys married, all dying young.

Ellen Elizabeth Eskridge (George, George, Jr., Samuel, George, Harvey) was born Feb., 1829. Married Fortunatus Pittman in Hempstead Co., Ark., in 1848. She died Nov. 16, 1868, buried at Old Liberty Cemetery, near Stamps, Ark., in the old family lot. Tombs are in good condition when this is written, 1943. For further record, see Pittman Records.

NOTE: Harvey Foushee Eskridge went from Prince William County, Va., to Arkansas, then to Grayson Co., Texas.

RUST FAMILY - (1654 - 1943)

Arranged from "Rust of Virginia"
by Ellsworth Marshall Rust of
Washington, D. C.

"Rust of Virginia", by Ellsworth Marshall Rust, traces the activities and movement of a verile family through three hundred years of American development. It is a cross section of American life from frontier beginnings in the Northern Neck of Virginia, and touches twelve generations in the most extraordinary period of human history.

This arrangement covers only that portion of the book as it concerns the ancestors of the Eskridge family. The eighteenth century records of Virginia show the Rust and Eskridge names occurring together many times. They intermarried and both families played conspicuous parts in the history of that day.

The first settlers of the Northern Neck of Virginia, as that portion of the state lying between the Potomac and Rappahannock Rivers is know even to this day, took up their residence there about 1640.

Conditions in England contributed to this effort and among the inducements offered to settlers was the plan of allotting fifty acres of land to every immigrant or to the person paying for the passage of immigrants.

The desire for land in the new America was keen and this urge accompanied by escape from turbulent conditions in England, occasioned by civil war between contending factors, were among the considerations which appealed to many leading figures of the day.

Probably nowhere in the new world of that time was there a group of like size having so distinct a Cavalier cast as the dominant families in the Northern Neck of Virginia about 1640 and their influence continues strong for many years. It was a determined effort to secure in a large part of America the dominance of the Protestant Church.

In the colonial history of the Northern Neck of Va., in which the struggle of a virile population was at its heighth, the family of William Rust played an important part.

While the members of the family of William Rust of Va. have participated in all conflict of arms in which the country has been engaged and have been found in numerous places of public trust

and responsibility, rarely has any member of the family sought public office. The role of the most outstanding personalities of the family has been to put their effort, thought and feelings into the endless scheme of building American civilization, ever conscious of their heritage from former generations.

"Men may differ as to the meaning of greatness, different times have different standards by which to measure the concept of worth. To the extent to which men practice restraint, tolerance, charity and justice will the need for other processes and other methods of control become less and less. To the builders of a civilization; to the developers of its arts and industries should go the highest honors. Of such is the family of Rust of Virginia."

Nathan B. Williams

I William Rust, of Yocomico, Cople Parish, Westmoreland County, Virginia, was born about 1634, probably in Suffolk County, England. Westmoreland County was organized from Northumberland County. His arrival in the colony of Virginia was about 1650. His first appearance upon official records is when he witnessed to a will in 1654. The date of his death is uncertain. All but the opening paragraph to his will, proven in the county of his residence, Nov. 29, 1699, is missing. He married (1) prior to May 17, 1662, Ann Metcalf, who died prior to May, 1697, and who was the mother of all his children. He married (2) Mrs. Matilda Earle, Sr. Children: John, William, Samuel, George.

The first mention of the families Rust and Eskridge together is in 1699, when George Eskridge was made administrator of the estate of Margaret Rust, widow of William Rust, son of first William Rust. (Deeds & Wills, v. II, p 107, 234, Westmoreland County).

II Samuel Rust, son of William and Ann Metcalf Rust, was born in Westmoreland Co., Va. Date of birth not certain but he was doubtless of age when, on June 27, 1695, he was summoned for duty as a grand juror. His will, Aug. 16, 1715, was proven March 26, 1718. He married Martha ----, whose will, Nov. 3, 1726, was proven Feb. 25, 1729-30. (Double dates arise from shift in calendar).

Samuel Rust was a grand juror in 1695, 1703, 1707, 1711. It was between those dates when the grand jury of Westmoreland returned that famed indictment against "all men within the county, themselves included, for being guilty of swearing and drunkenness".

Samuel Rust was an extensive land owner, holding 1700

acres at the time of his death. His name with that of George Eskridge are linked throughout the history of those colonial days serving as vestrymen, worshippers in the Yocomico Church, built in 1706 and still standing, as a place of worship in Westmoreland Co., Va. Their names are mentioned in the courts of that day as appraisers of many estates, as guardians of minors and in public and social functions. Children: John, b. before 1695, m. Agnes Clements, d. 1727; William, m. Isabella ---- d. 1741; Anne, m. George Harrison, d. 1748; Jeremiah, m. Margaret Danaurvell, d. 1731; Matthew, m. Winifred Cox, d. 1751; George, m. Sarah Innis, d. 1775; Benjamin, m. Eleanor Greene, 1754; Hannah, b. after 1699, m. George Eskridge; Captain Peter, m. Sarah Newton, d. 1762.

III Hannah Rust, daughter of Samuel and Martha Rust, was born in Westmoreland County, Va., later than 1699, as she was under 16 in 1715, by will of her father. (Deeds & Wills, old Vol. 6, p 254). "Item - I give to my daughter, Hannah Rust, one negro girl, called Sarah; one feather bed with bolster, quilt, rug, blankets and sheets, one brass kettle, about 20 gallons, and 5000 pounds of tobacco to be paid her by my executor out of the profits of my mill, when she reaches 16 years of age, or day of marriage." She was living at the time of the will of her mother, Nov. 1726. "Item - I give my daughter Hannah Eskridge all my wearing apparel, both linen and woollens."

Hannah Rust married George Eskridge, son of Colonel George Eskridge and his wife, Rebecca Bonum Eskridge, between 1715 and 1726, as indicated by their wills. She died prior to 1732 as indicated by the will of George Eskridge, Jr. Inventory of his estate, filed November 29, 1732, states: "1 satin gown and 1 silk apron," which suggests that as his wife is not mentioned in the administration of this estate, that she was not living at that time. Their children were apprenticed or guardians appointed, which also indicates she was not living. Children: Samuel Eskridge, b. July 15, 1723, m. Mary Foushee Lewis, d. 1771; George, b. Aug. 6, 1724, died without issue; William, b. after 1725, m. Elizabeth Rust, d. Dec. 1782; Rebecca, m. John Arris; Thomas.

Here we have the Rust and Eskridge lines joined. (See Eskridge line).

(Mrs. Sam O.) Eskridge Pittman Logan

Prescott, Arkansas
Sept. 18, 1943

(Copy)

Will of Col. George Eskridge, Sandy Point, Westmoreland County, Virginia.

In the name of God, I, George Eskridge, of the County of Westmoreland, do make this my last will and testament, Imprimis, I give unto my son, Samuel, and his heirs forever the house and plantation where I now live, containing eight hundred acres be the same, more or less, bounded upon the lands of John Crucher and Robert Ball and a ditch made by me to divide this land from another tract I have upon the river and from the ditch to John King's creek, including a parcel of land I bought of one Rust.

Item: I give unto my son, William Eskridge and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten, my tract of land upon the river adjoining to the aforesaid tract given to my son, Samuel.

Item: I give to my loving wife, the aforesaid home and plantation and lands before given to my son Samuel, during her natural life, all the slaves she brought to me in marriage with their increase and ten other of my slaves, during her natural life, and after her death, I give the said slaves I had with her in marriage to my daughter, Elizabeth and her heirs forever.

I give unto the four sons of my son George, deceased, four slaves apiece, when they respectively arrive at the age of twenty-one years. I give unto my daughter, Elizabeth and her heirs, a tract of land I have at Polrick in Prince William County and all the slaves and stock upon the same.

I give to my aforesaid son, Samuel and his heirs five hundred acres of land, part of a tract at a place called Flatlick in Prince William County to be chosen by him in any one place of the said tract.

I give to my son-in-law, Willoughby Newton, and Sarah, his wife and their heirs, eight hundred acres of land, part of the said tract at Flatlick. All the rest of the said tract at Flatlick, I give to be equally divided among the children of my son George and the daughter of my daughter, Margaret Kenner and their heirs all my land at the Marsh in Prince William County, upon the condition that he pay all debts I now owe to any person in Whitehaven in Great Britain.

I give to my son Samuel ten negroes.

To my son Robert, sixteen negroes. I mean those of my Machotic Quarters.

I give five of the ten slaves hereinbefore given to my wife during her life unto my daughter, Elizabeth, the other five I give to my son Samuel.

I give to my son, William and the heirs of his body, ten slaves to be annexed to the land hereinbefore given him. It is my will that my loving wife have the use of all my household stuff during her life and also the use of half of the estate, cattle, hogs and horses upon my several plantations in Westmoreland Co. during her life. All the rest of my estate after my debts have been paid, I give to be equally divided amongst my children now living.

I give unto my son-in-law, Howsen Kenner, and his wife and their heirs eight hundred acres of land, part of my land at the Marsh, before given to Robert, which the said Howsen is already in possession of and five hundred acres of the said land at the Marsh adjoining to that. The rest I give to my son Robert upon the condition before mentioned.

I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made and declare this to be my last will. In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand this 27th day of October 1735. I do appoint my sons Samuel and Robert and my good friend, Capt. George Turber-ville, executors of this.

Signed, George Eskridge.

Signed, published and declared by the said testator as his last will in the presence of us. Edward Barradall

Samuel Cobbs
William Bell.

Recorded the 5th day of Dec. 1735.

The inventory of goods and chattels of Col. George Eskridge is lengthy and elaborate, included is a library of hundreds of books on law, history, church and state. An English Family Bible named, would be of great value in solving many perplexing questions, were it in existence.

Two portraits of Col. Eskridge and his wife, mentioned in the inventory, were loaned by Samuel Eskridge, a son of Col. Eskridge, to Mt. Vernon, where they hung for several years, but later were presented to the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, Va.

George Eskridge seated Sandy Point, Westmoreland Co. about 1720, the "House of Sandy Point", according to Mrs. Fannie Taylor Griffeth. It was a wooden structure, one and a half stories high. The front door was entered by a high flight of

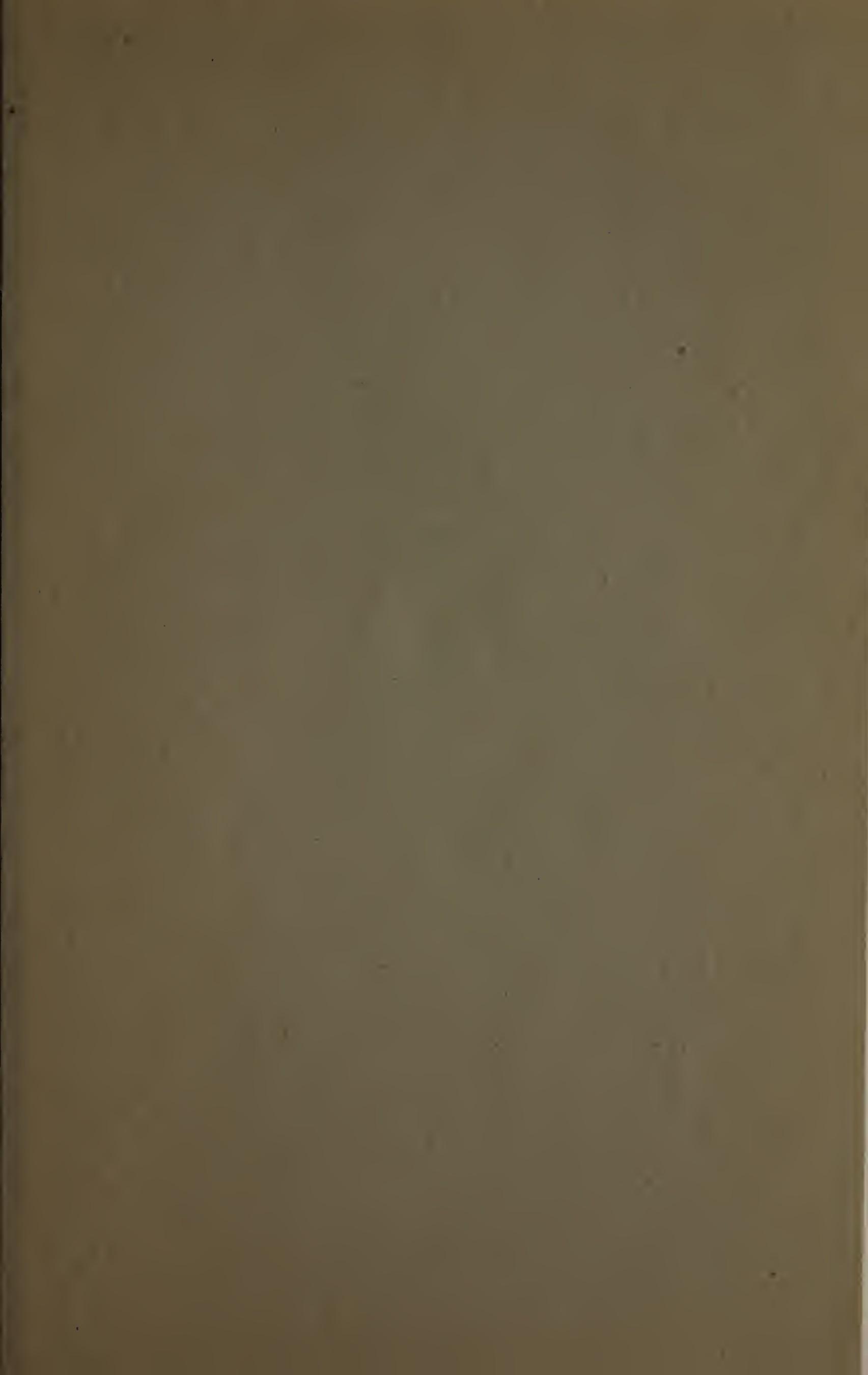
steps but no porch. The house stood in the center of a velvety green lawn, which ran down to the waters edge, and from which was an expansive view of the Potomac River. The house was the center of genuine Virginia hospitality and refinement. It was in this home that Mary Ball, mother of George Washington, lived after the death of her mother.

The adjacent lots were thickly dotted with cabins where dwelt in peaceful contentment the many slaves."

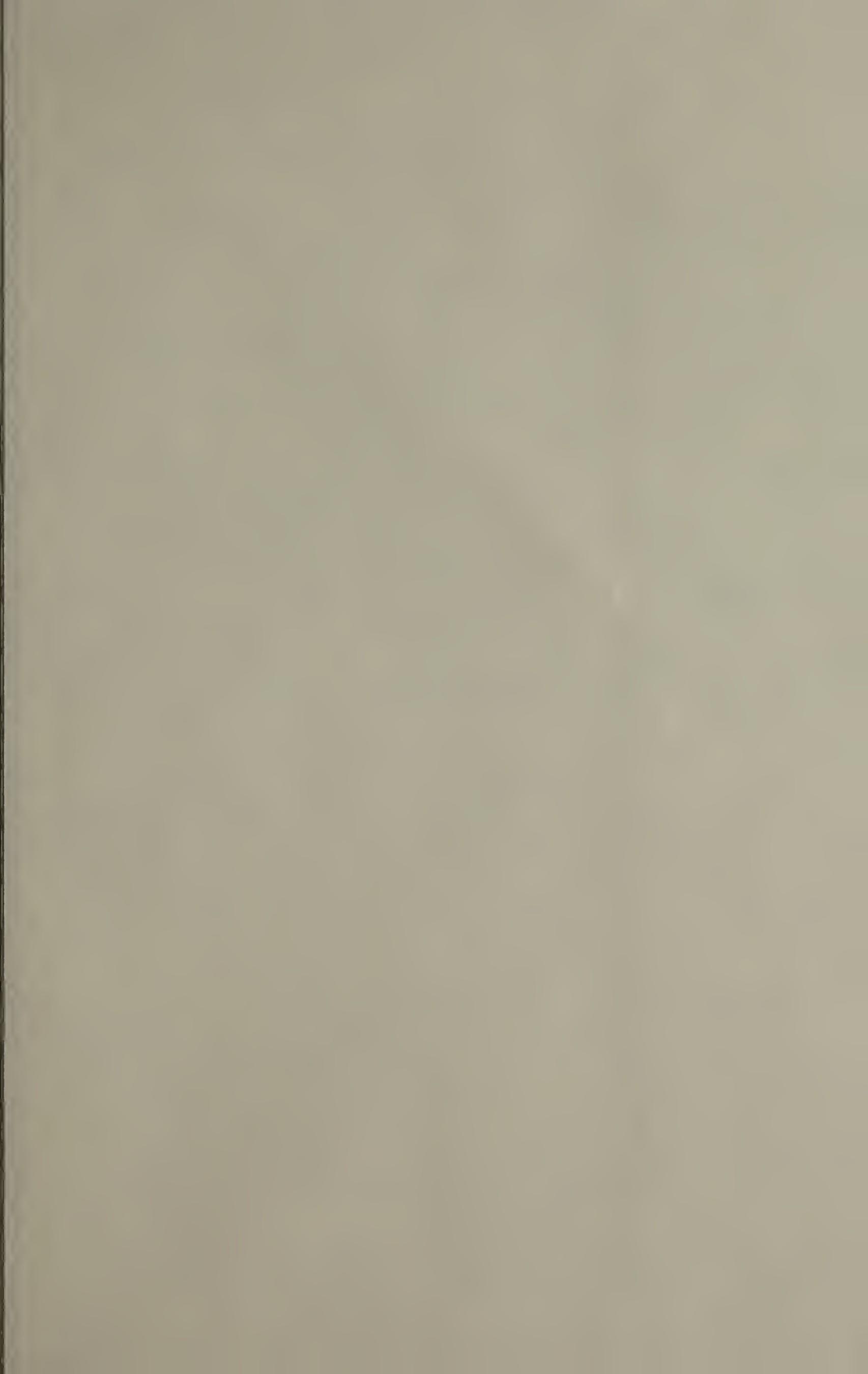
Ref. County and family records.

Old letters.

"Rusts of Virginia", by Marshall Ellsworth



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